



H.R. 5505 SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY AND RESILIENCE ACT

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WHY DO WE NEED THE SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY AND RESILIENCE ACT?

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed and exacerbated weaknesses in our country's supply chains. These supply chain issues contributed to consumer product shortages and critical issues with accessing health care and public safety supplies during the height of the public health crisis. Supply chain resilience is critical to the national security and economic security of the United States. The federal government should increase its focus on supply chain security, strengthening American manufacturing, and insulating consumers from future supply chain shocks like those that occurred during the pandemic.

WHAT WILL THE SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY AND RESILIENCE ACT DO?

The *Supply Chain Security and Resilience Act* leverages the federal government's convening authority to establish a set of best practices and recommendations for manufacturers and industries to improve their resilience and the security of their supply chains in unexpected situations. This legislation would establish a comprehensive approach to analyzing, monitoring, and responding to supply chain vulnerabilities before they become a crisis.

The bill creates a new office within the Commerce Department—the Supply Chain Resilience and Crisis Response Office—which would promote the leadership of our country related to critical industries and supply chains that are essential to the national security of the United States or have a significant effect on the economy of the United States.

This legislation would enable the federal government to monitor and identify critical manufacturing supply chain vulnerabilities that imperil our national security and economic strength, and support companies and manufacturing entities in closing those vulnerabilities.

The bill directs the new Supply Chain Resilience and Crisis Response Office to provide a set of voluntary standards and industry best practices for industry leaders to improve their supply chain security. The bill does not put new requirements on businesses or manufacturers—the best practices that the Department of Commerce will develop would be voluntary for businesses to implement. By working together with businesses and industry, the federal government will help organizations measure their supply chain resilience, improve their manufacturing capabilities, increase the strength of the U.S. economy, and bolster national security.